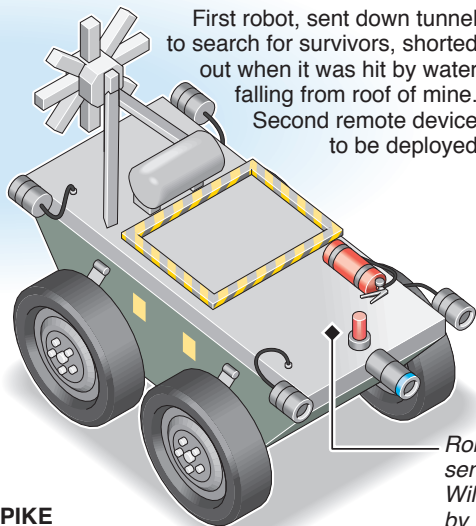


Rescue of New Zealand miners delayed

Officials are planning to send a second army robot into the Pike River mine where 29 men have been missing since Friday. Rescuers are unable to enter the mine due to high levels of methane and carbon monoxide

First robot, sent down tunnel to search for survivors, shorted out when it was hit by water falling from roof of mine.
Second remote device to be deployed



Robot equipped with cameras and sensors to test for toxic fumes. Will relay information to rescuers by fibre-optic cable

PIKE RIVER MINE
Opened 2008

Main access route to mine along inclined 2.3km-long tunnel
(entrance further east, not shown)

Western Escarpment

Brunner coal seam
150m below surface

Paparoa coal seam

Ventilation shaft
110m deep

1 Miners believed to be located 1.9km along main tunnel, 120m below surface

2 Rescuers drilling 15cm-wide borehole to test air quality

Hawera fault
60m-wide zone of fractured rock